

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of:         | ) | Group Art Unit: 3738          |
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| DREWS, Michael J., et al.     | ) |                               |
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| Serial No.: 10/765,725        | ) | Examiner: Brian E. Pellegrino |
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| Filed: January 26, 2004       | ) |                               |
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| For: HEART VALVE ASSEMBLY AND | ) |                               |
| METHODS FOR USING THEM        | ) |                               |
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Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION/RESTRICTION**

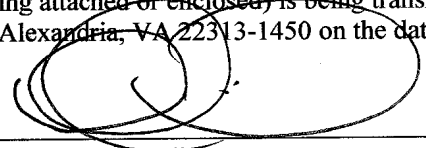
Dear Sir/Madam:

In response to the Office Action/Restriction Requirement mailed August 30, 2006, Applicants elect Group I, and original claims 1-22 readable thereon. With respect to the Species restrictions, Applicants elect Specie G) (Fig. 7) of the first species set, Specie IV (Fig. 14) of the second species set, and Specie 1) (Figs. 24, 27) of the third species set, and claims 1, 2, 4-22, 36-44, and 46-55 readable thereon. In addition, please amend this application as follows:

**CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION**

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being transmitted to Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. BOX 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below via the USPTO EFS-Web filing system.

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